

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 880

By Matheny

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jerry R. Mathis of Tullahoma High School upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize those outstanding high school coaches who have been selected by their peers for induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Hall of Fame in honor of their years as exceptional coaches, teachers, and mentors during their careers; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding coach is Jerry R. Mathis, who has coached athletics at Tullahoma High School since 1967; his baseball teams have reached five state finals, winning state championships in 1974 and 1990, and his cross country team was state runner-up in 1981; and

WHEREAS, an assistant baseball coach from 1967-1970, Coach Mathis served as Tullahoma High School's head baseball coach for 28 years; between 1971 and 1999, his teams won a state record 667 games and eight of his players were drafted by Major League Baseball organizations; and

WHEREAS, a truly talented coach and teacher, Mr. Mathis served for twenty years as the boys and girls cross country coach and served from 1971 to 1976 as the assistant girls basketball coach; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mathis should be especially proud of the fact that during his coaching career, 101 of his players were awarded college scholarships; and

WHEREAS, admired and highly respected by his peers, Jerry Mathis was selected to coach the Tennessee Allstars versus the Kentucky Allstars in 1995; he also won a Gold Medal in 1995 Sportsfest head coach and was inducted into the Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1999; and



WHEREAS, in 1999, Coach Jerry Mathis was named as the Athletic Director for Tullahoma City Schools, a position earned by his years of excellence and unwavering support of the young student athletes under his care; and

WHEREAS, an active member of First United Methodist Church, Jerry Mathis espouses family values of the highest order, and has enjoyed the love and support of his wife, Barbara Joyce Sugg, his daughter and son-in-law, Jamie and Ed Warner, his son and daughter-in-law, Timothy and Daffney Mathis, and his grandchildren, Sophia Elizabeth Warner and Chase Timothy Mathis; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that the members of this General Assembly pause to specially recognize this outstanding teacher, coach, and mentor, lauding his service to the youth of our state and thanking him for his years of exemplary instruction and guidance to those under his care; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Jerry R. Mathis upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, thank him for his service to the state of Tennessee and its students, and offer him our best wishes for every happiness and success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.